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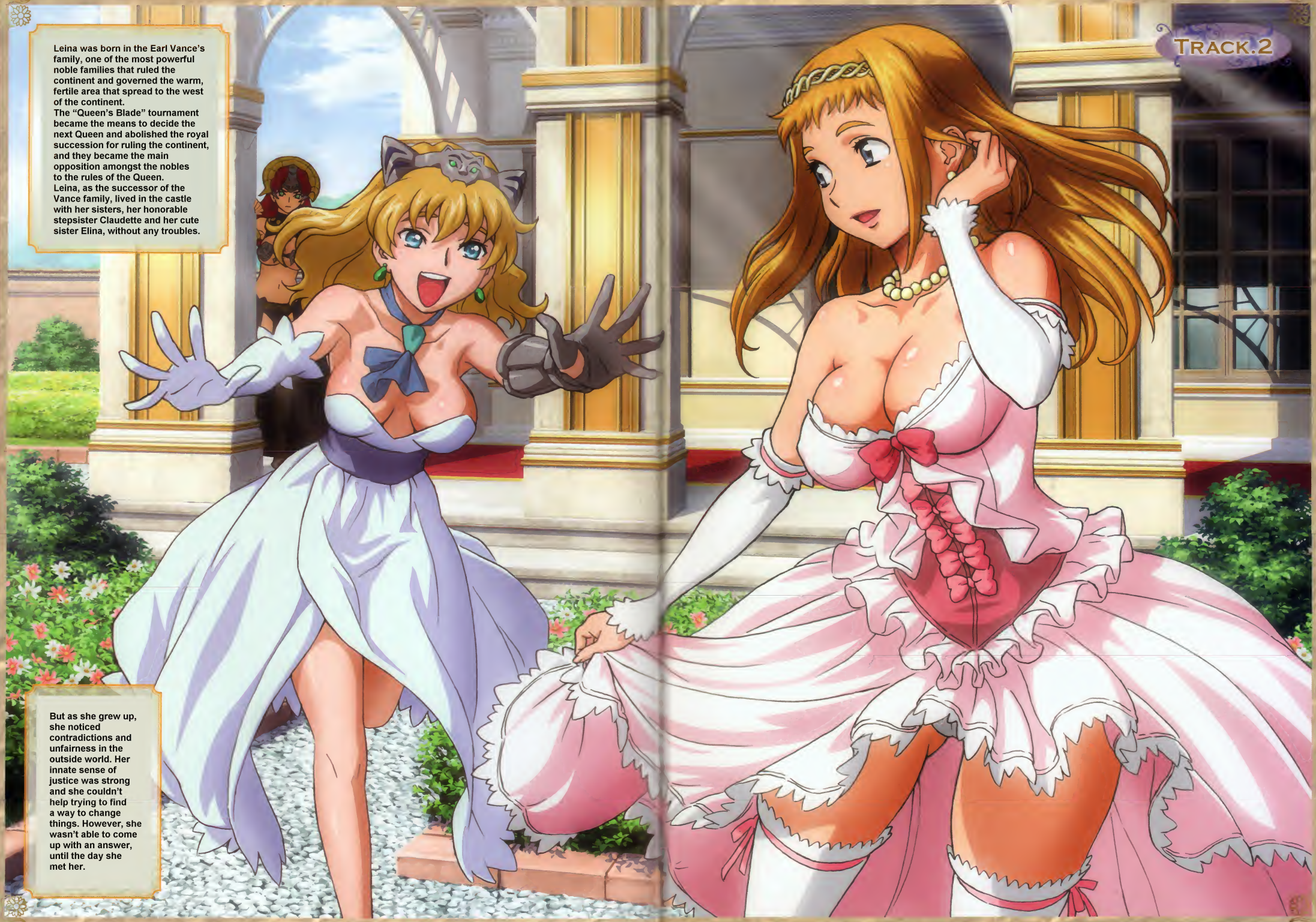
TRACK.1
With Leina on her knees, Claudette asked her a question.
"What's the matter, Leina? Hadn't you abandonded the Earl household to travel the world and become a strong exiled warrior?"
"Sister Claudette…"
"Leina, I'll ask you once again. What are you fighting for?"
"My hopes… My reason to fight…"
Leina remembered that day. The time when she chose to throw away her effortless life as the Earl household's heiress, when she chose to live as an adventurer…!!
Oddly enough, the "Queen's Blade" finals had become a showdown between sisters! The right to challenge the Queen was at stake in this final battle.
The Lord of Thundercloud Claudette knocked Leina down with an overwhelming force, as if she didn't feel compassion for her younger sister at all!



Leina was born in the Earl Vance's family, one of the most powerful noble families that ruled the continent and governed the warm, fertile area that spread to the west of the continent.
The "Queen's Blade" tournament became the means to decide the next Queen and abolished the royal succession for ruling the continent, and they became the main opposition amongst the nobles to the rules of the Queen.
Leina, as the successor of the Vance family, lived in the castle with her sisters, her honorable stepsister Claudette and her cute sister Elina, without any troubles.

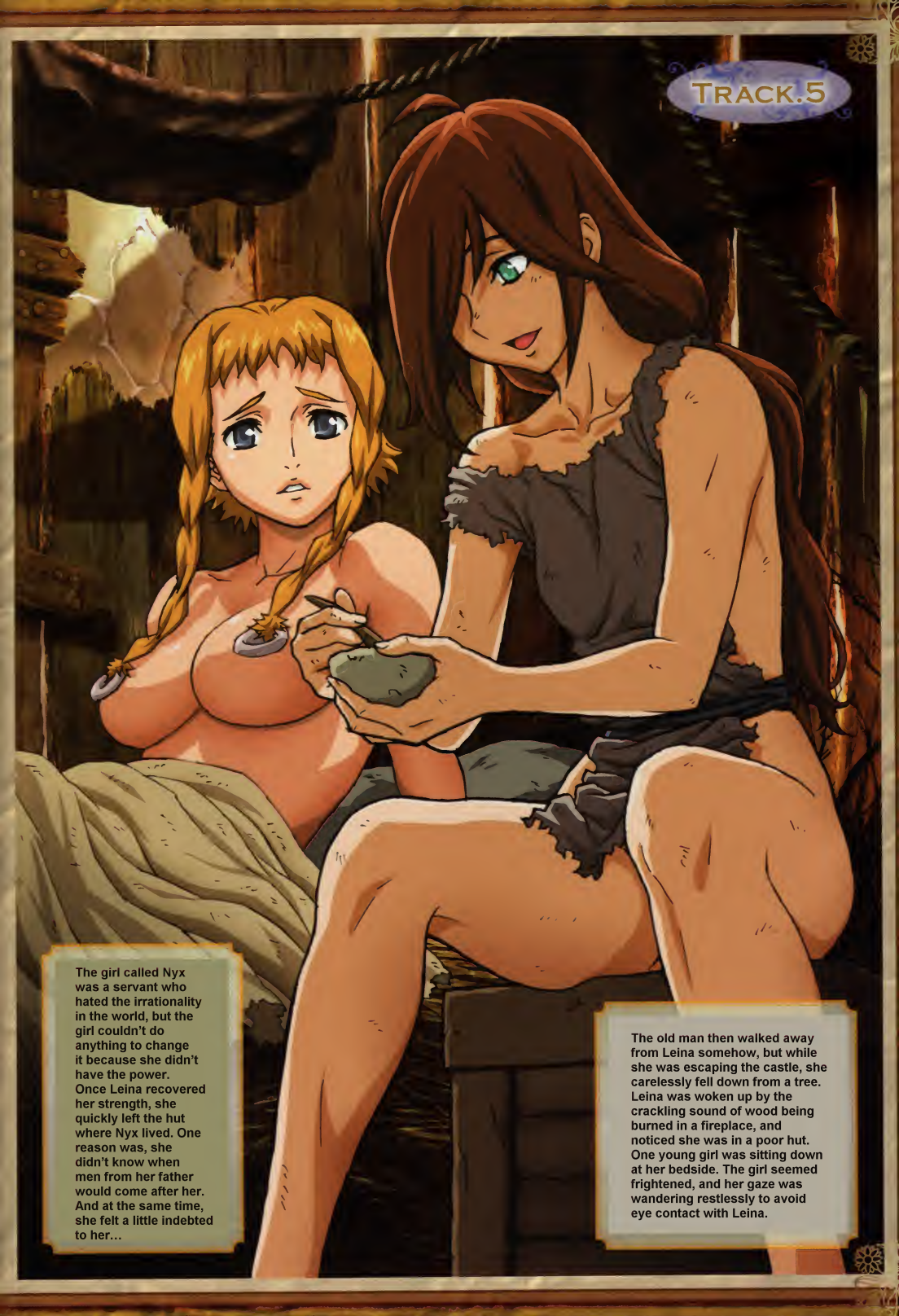
But as she grew up, she noticed contradictions and unfairness in the outside world. Her innate sense of justice was strong and she couldn't help trying to find a way to change things. However, she wasn't able to come up with an answer, until the day she met her.

After that fight, Leina felt she had changed. Like Risty, she had decided to live from now on to help the weak. And she had managed a tie in her battle with Risty. “Father, Sister, though it might be selfish… I want to live on my own… So, I’ll become an adventurer.”

Track.3

One day, Leina was on her way to a boring ball with a corset tightening her innards, when she was assaulted by a gang of bandits led by Risty, Bandit of the Wilderness. Leina rushed to the carriage still wearing her dress and crossed swords with Risty, the fight ending in a draw.

TRACK.4
In the middle of the night, after the maids were fast asleep, Leina quietly snuck out of her room.
In preparation for that day, she had hidden an exclusive sword and protective gear in an underground warehouse for dolls.
After retrieving her equipment, a foolish, drunken old man entered the warehouse.
Leina quickly stood up and posed as a doll.
Mistaking her for a doll, the old man was approaching her with evil thoughts in his mind!


Track.5
The girl called Nyx was a servant who hated the irrationality in the world, but the girl couldn't do anything to change it because she didn't have the power. Once Leina recovered her strength, she quickly left the hut where Nyx lived. One reason was, she didn't know when men from her father would come after her. And at the same time, she felt a little indebted to her…
The old man then walked away from Leina somehow, but while she was escaping the castle, she carelessly fell down from a tree. Leina was woken up by the crackling sound of wood being burned in a fireplace, and noticed she was in a poor hut. One young girl was sitting down at her bedside. The girl seemed frightened, and her gaze was wandering restlessly to avoid eye contact with Leina.

Track.6-A
The girl who helped Leina, Nyx.
An ill-natured maid ordered her go to a cave by the mountains to draw water at midnight.
Falling because of the slippery footing, she was crushed by despair.
However, Nyx' fate would change after she happened across a "treasure" in the cave.
"What is this… A staff, I wonder… something is carved on the wall. The great treasure "Funikura"… Funikura? I wonder if that's the name of the staff? Let's see… "It'll give you the power you seek. In exchange for your ruin, it'll grant you control over flames." What does that mean?"

Track.6-B

"Eh… Kyaaah!" Suddenly, Funikura climbed over Nyx and poured a liquid into Nyx' mouth.
"W-What, this, a monster is climbing all over me and… Iyaa! Help… Fuguu!? Mm!? Glup, glup… Cough, nhaa! W-What was I made to swallow up…?"

The honey-like liquid relieved the pain from Nyx' feet in a moment. And her mood was uplifted, as her body felt hot again.
"Does this mean, you've helped me…?" Funikura squirmed noisily.
"Oh, is that so? Surely God gave me this staff… Funikura-sama… I want to be with you forever…"

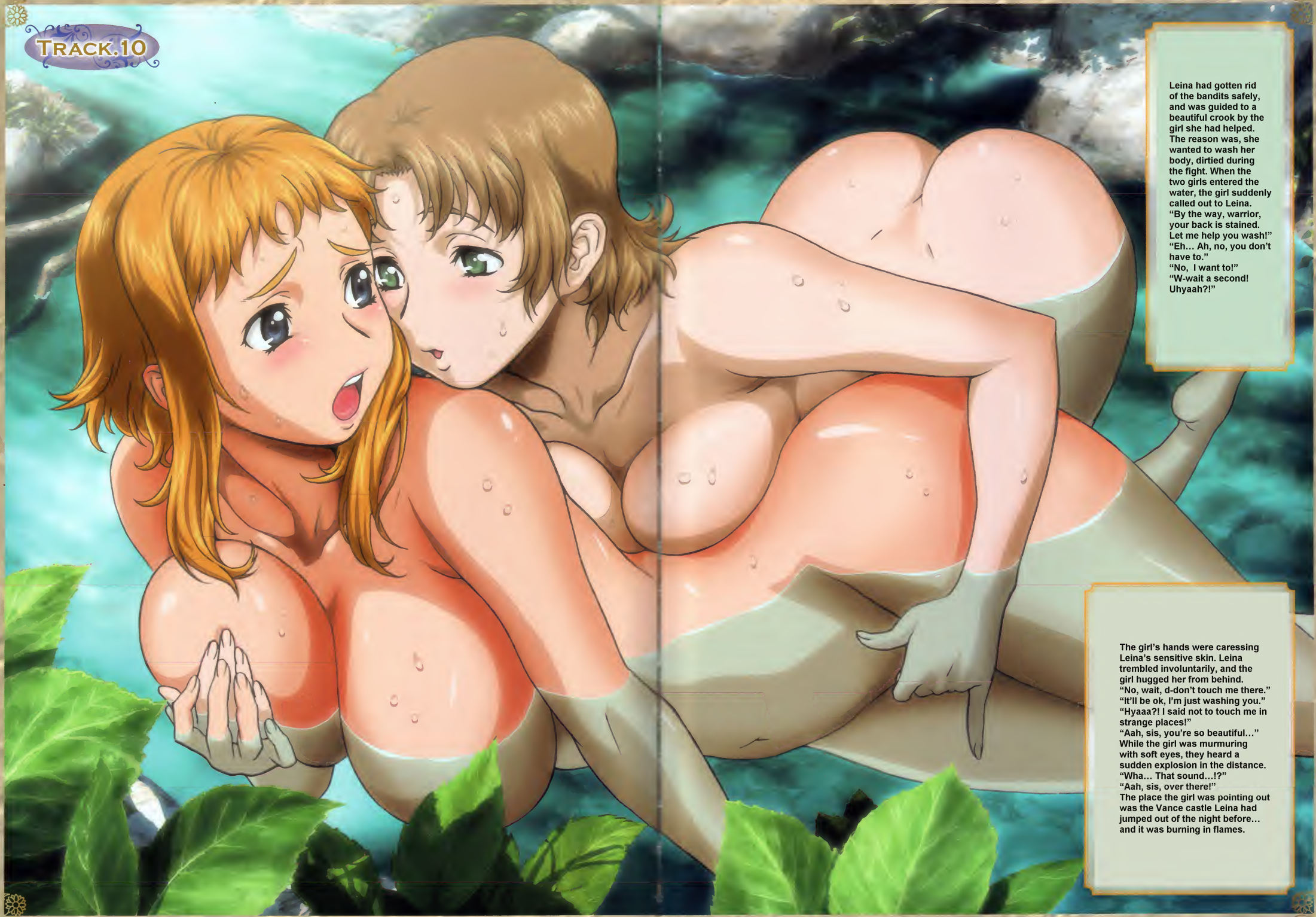
TRACK.7
Nyx spent all night finding materials and sewing a dress. But Nyx wasn't used to wearing gaudy clothes, and had a relaxed smile and glazed eyes.
And she told the maid.
"Apologize now for insulting my mother. I'll forgive you if you do."
"Do you have a fever? Or have you finally gone crazy…"
"So, you won't apologize..."
From Nyx' hands, flames sprouted, that turned the maid into charcoal in just an instant.
A dreadful power. Nyx' expression went back to her timid girl look.
"Ah, aah… how could you! How could you kill…!"
Funikura merely wriggled.
"Funikura-sama! I, I really wanted power! To completely change the world… But this violence… Gargle…"
Funikura climbed all over Nyx in silence and poured a wicked liquid in her mouth.
"Glup, glup, cough…! I get it. It can't be helped if there's bad people. Funikura-sama, with your great power, I've decided that I'm ready to correct the world. Nyx won't be miserable anymore. From now on, I'll be known as "Flame Sorceress Nyx"…!!"

TRACK.8
Leina left Nyx' house, and found the daughter of a farmer that was being attacked by bandits in the forest.
"Iyaah! Let me go!"
"Hey hey, don't be so harsh. I'll have you fully work as our companion from now on!"
The bandits were laughing at the resisting girl, but Leina appeared gallantly before them.
"If you're looking for company, why don't you take me on?"
"Who is it?"
All at once, the bandits stepped back from the voice that had interrupted them.
"You bastard, who are you…"
"I am, eeh, yes, people call me the Noble Warrior."
After Leina declared so, she proudly cut down two of the bandits who were hiding.
"Wh-what…?"
Leina said to the confused bandits, who didn't understand what was happening.
"Now, I wonder who will be my next opponent?"

Track.9

"What a nice body."
"Oh, leave me alone."
Although she tried to look tough, Leina was in a predicament. She couldn't fight seriously while covering her bare chest with one hand.
"It's too bad, you'd better surrender."
After hearing those words, Leina endured her feelings of shame, exposed her chest and got ready to fight. All for the victory.
"Haah!"
The hilt of Leina's sword sank into the pit of his stomach, and the bandits' leader finally collapsed.
"Damn you, we'll remember this…!"
While looking at the bandits running away in vexation, Leina gasped for breath and muttered.
"Haah, I won…"
It was the first battle in Leina's journey, and that was her first victory.

In front of Leina's true strength to cut down 2 foes at once, the leader of the bandits, who had been restraining himself so far, raised his voice.
"This looks fun. I'll be your opponent."
He had a height around Leina's, carried a huge axe, and had a shapely figure; his skill couldn't be compared to the two hiding bandits' from a while ago.
"Here I go!"
Sparks resulted from the clash of their weapons. In the middle of the fierce battle, Leina noticed that her armor had come off, and her breasts now laid bare.


TRACK.10
Leina had gotten rid of the bandits safely, and was guided to a beautiful crook by the girl she had helped. The reason was, she wanted to wash her body, dirtied during the fight. When the two girls entered the water, the girl suddenly called out to Leina.
“By the way, warrior, your back is stained. Let me help you wash!”
“Eh… Ah, no, you don’t have to.”
“No, I want to!”
“W-wait a second! Uhyaah?!”
The girl’s hands were caressing Leina’s sensitive skin. Leina trembled involuntarily, and the girl hugged her from behind.
“No, wait, d-don’t touch me there.”
“It’ll be ok, I’m just washing you.”
“Hyaaa?! I said not to touch me in strange places!”
“Aah, sis, you’re so beautiful…”
While the girl was murmuring with soft eyes, they heard a sudden explosion in the distance.
“Wha… That sound…!?”
“Aah, sis, over there!”
The place the girl was pointing out was the Vance castle Leina had jumped out of the night before… and it was burning in flames.

TRACK.11

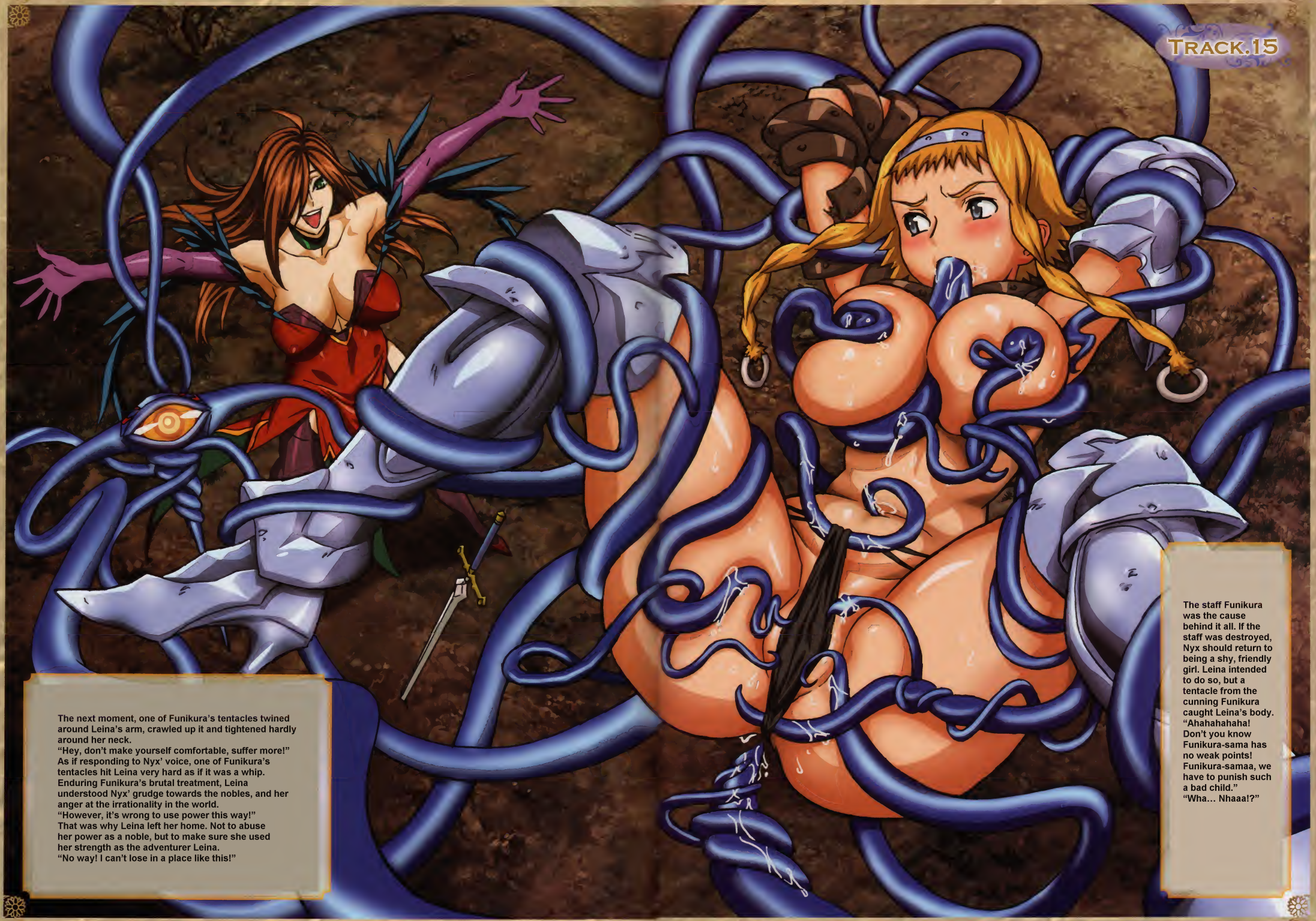
Claudette's intense anger struck Nyx' body directly. Nyx couldn't believe her eyes.
"The Lord of Thundercloud Claudette won't forgive you."
Claudette was slowly walking up to Nyx, with terrible thunder and lightning running through her large sword.
"The enemies of the Vance household, I'll dispose of them!"
There surely was a difference of status between the warriors. The Flame Sorceress Nyx wasn't able to endure the fear of death she felt for the first time in the middle of that battle, and ran away.

In the middle of the burning Earl Vance's castle, Claudette was facing off against the sorceress who had set fire to it. The soldiers serving under Claudette had already been wounded by Nyx' flames, and had all collapsed.
"That's absurd… My soldiers, with a single blow…"
"Ah, don't take my power lightly. If you're scared, run away!"
Because of the frantic words from Nyx' appeal, Claudette's expression turned from surprise to anger.
"Me escaping, you say…?"

Leina ran at full speed through the forest towards the Earl's house, where flames were still ascending. The captivating voice of a woman reached her ears.
"Hyaa, tighten around me more and more, Funikura-sama, and please grant Nyx more power… Glup, glup, aah, more delicious juice, please…"
Turning her gaze towards the voice, she saw Funikura's wicked tentacles all over Nyx' body. Since Nyx had escaped from Claudette, she was receiving Funikura's disgusting "baptism". Tormended by the tentacles, the wicked staff who pleasured the host with sweet honey was now completely ruling over her. An ecstatic expression was reflected in Nyx' eyes… She hardly looked like the girl who had helped Leina that time.
"Oh, it's you… Why are you here?"
"I saw flames arising from the castle, so I…"
"Aah… it was me who burned it. Hey, did you know? The flames probably turned all the villains to ashes. I'll burn all who disrespected me in the past to nothing…"
In contrast to Leina's surprise, Nyx seemed to be enjoying herself. But the moment Leina mentioned her own name, the face of Nyx, previously dominated by pleasure, changed completely.
"Leina… Leina… Leinaaaa!? So that was it! You're Leina from the Vance household! I won't forgive you! Funikura-sama, please lend me your power! The power to turn the bones of this selfish noble girl into ashes!"
Immediately after these words, Nyx' flames attacked Leina.

Ignoring Leina's voice, Nyx' flames surrounded the area. Even with Nyx' continuous attack, her magic power wasn't running out at all, and Leina worried about that.
"That's strange… No matter what, this is abnormal."
"Ahahahahaa! This is fantastic, Funikura-samaa! Please give me more and more power!"
"Funikura… I see, that staff is the source of her magic power!"

Just by waving her hand, Nyx released a mass of flames one after another. It fell towards Leina like a rain of fire.
"Burn, Burn! Bad woman who torments people!"
"Nyx! Return to your senses!"
"Shut up! I'm perfectly sane! And you, you bastard will quickly be reduced to cinders!"



The next moment, one of Funikura's tentacles twined around Leina's arm, crawled up it and tightened hardly around her neck.
"Hey, don't make yourself comfortable, suffer more!"
As if responding to Nyx' voice, one of Funikura's tentacles hit Leina very hard as if it was a whip.
Enduring Funikura's brutal treatment, Leina understood Nyx' grudge towards the nobles, and her anger at the irrationality in the world.
"However, it's wrong to use power this way!"
That was why Leina left her home. Not to abuse her power as a noble, but to make sure she used her strength as the adventurer Leina.
"No way! I can't lose in a place like this!"

The staff Funikura was the cause behind it all. If the staff was destroyed, Nyx should return to being a shy, friendly girl. Leina intended to do so, but a tentacle from the cunning Funikura caught Leina's body.
"Ahahahahaha! Don't you know Funikura-sama has no weak points! Funikura-samaa, we have to punish such a bad child."
"Wha… Nhaaa!?"

Track.16

Deprived of her weapon, Leina's entire body was restricted except for the hand that held her shield. Then, in a sink-or-swim attack, she tossed her shield at Funikura's eye. Her aim was successful and Funikura's eye was damaged by the attack, who then writhed painfully and let Leina free. Funikura wasn't fighting back anymore, and Leina pointed her sword towards the frightened Nyx.
"Nyx, come to your senses with this blow! Toaaaa!"
"Kyaaaaaa!"

"Nyx… Us nobles did terrible things to your mother. It's not a problem that can be settled with an apology. But there are people who want to change the world, I want you to know that."
"Leina…"
"Throw away that staff, that's not the kind of thing a person should have."
In response to Leina's earnest persuasion, Nyx' heart wavered intensely. However, she couldn't reject her own selfishness.
"N-No… stop that… If Funikura-sama's power disappears… I don't want to be the weak Nyx anymore!"
"Wa-wait, Nyx!"
Leina called out to her, but it didn't reach Nyx in the end. She left behind a Leina depressed by the sad farewell, and the ground burnt black.

The battle was over, and her sister showed up besides Leina, who was standing still in shock.
"…Leina. Ah, you're ok. Didn't the sorceress come here?"
"The sorceress…?"
"What's wrong, Leina? Did anything happen?"
"No… There was just a girl with a great power that strayed from the right path."
Leina confronted her sister Claudette one more time.
"Sister, I've decided. I want to change the world for the better with my strength. I want to look for the way to do so."
"How foolish, your fate as a heiress comes first…"
"I'll relinquish my inheritance rights. And I'll become an adventurer. Please give my best regards to Father."
Claudette didn't expect her younger sister to speak with such determination, and she couldn't say farewell to her as she left.
"I'll keep that in mind, Leina. If you don't fulfill your destiny…
…I won't forgive you."

TRACK.18

Time went by, and Leina became an adventurer.
And now, she had arrived in Gainos.
Once every four years, the fights to decide the country's Queen, "Queen's Blade" would be held in that place.

Leina visited the shop run by the Weapon Merchant, the mother of the kid she had just saved from a crisis at the capital.
"Thanks for helping me. My mother used to be an adventurer. She and my dad travelled the continent fighting to help people in need. Are you like that too, sis?"
"Yes, I fight for those who are suffering. There's no need to rely on a great power, you can solve things with your own strength."
In Leina's chest, the feeling of commitment she felt when she left was still going strong. While she continued her trip, her thoughts became clearer.
"Hmm, I don't know what that means. Ah, my name is Rana. What's your name, sis?"
She answered the question with a dignified voice.
"Leina. Exiled Warrior Leina."

Exiled Warrior — Leina

Likes: Wine
Dislikes: Corsets
Hobby: Fencing training

Daughter and heiress of the Earl Vance household, the strongest force in the continent next to the Queen.
A powerful group, the Earl Vance house were traditionalists that ruled the continent by royal succession before "Queen's Blade" started, and have now allied with groups in opposition to the Queen (conservationists).
Leina, however, wasn't interested in the lifestyle of the nobles and has dedicated her life to practice fencing and developing her true strength.
Then, one day she was assaulted by a gang of bandits led by Risty, Bandit of the Wilderness. Leina was impressed by Risty, who used her strength to protect the weak, and chose to follow that way of living.
In order to find out her own strength, she participated in "Queen's Blade", the competition to determine the Queen of the continent. She won the battles up to the final round where the right to challenge the Queen was at stake, where she faced her biggest enemy, her sister Claudette.

Lord of Thundercloud — Claudette

Likes: Cute things (especially Elina)
Dislikes: Irresponsible people
Hobby: Playing chess

She's Earl's Vance eldest daughter and her most loyal general.
Half-sister of Leina and Elina, because of her mother not being the legal wife, Claudette is the third in the family's succession order. Her plebeian mother died young and instead of raising her like a daughter, her father raised her as a servant.
Unlike her sisters, she's taciturn and unsociable.
She's known as a noblewoman from the continent with an unusual integrity and she's respected for her righteousness by her soldiers and the commoners.
Along her great skills at commanding, she's also the number one contendant in the continent due to her sword skills. She can use the magic sword of lightning, "Thunder Clap", that earned her the nickname of "Lord of Thundercloud".
Aware of her status at home, while she behaves as an older sister towards Leina and Elina, she knows that someday she'll serve under them. However, she has mixed feelings regarding the current situation, and a hint of hatred for Leina, as she can't understand why she left home, she being the direct successor.
And finally, she joined Queen's Blade to capture the runaway Leina, as ordered by the Earl.

Flame Sorceress — Nyx

Likes: Funikura
Dislikes: All those who played her for a fool in the past
Hobby: Cooking (she cooks tasty dishes with simple ingredients)

Daughter of a low caste worker from the Count Vance's castle, from her birth she was raised with constant abuse from the people around her. As a result, she became shy and talentless, while deeply hating the irrationality and the evilness of the world.
Unexpectedly, one day she got a mysterious wand that changed her life. With the infinite power received from her wand, the forbidden treasure Funikura, Nyx decided to hunt down the evil people. So as to not be underestimated by the evildoers, she wore an exhuberant dress and learnt to use rude words she wasn't used to.
However, the treasure Funikura has a will of its own and it's an evil being that desires to control its host with violence and "sweet honey". When Nyx fails at a spell, or when Funikura wants her to improve, or for no reason whatsoever, Funikura punishes Nyx without mercy. Ultimately, Nyx is a simple plebeian with a weak mind. Aware of her mediocrity before Funikura and fearing to lose the inmense power she now has in her hands, Nyx keeps on fighting.
Until the day when she's crowned Queen and she can look down triumphally on all those who despised her.

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